

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

IN RE:

**PROCEDURES FOR
ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT
OF SEALED DOCUMENTS**

General Order No.: 26-09

GENERAL ORDER

WHEREAS a recent escalation in cyberattacks on the CM/ECF systems of federal courts requires the implementation of new procedures for the storage and management of sealed documents;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective as of the date of this order and until such time as the court orders otherwise,

1. **Electronic Access to Sealed Documents.** Sealed documents will continue to be filed in CM/ECF under existing procedures but will no longer be accessible or viewable by electronic means to those outside the court; and
2. **Service of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through CM/ECF. Parties must serve sealed documents by other appropriate means as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and/or the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The court will serve sealed documents in paper by U.S. mail; and
3. **Notice of Sealed Documents Filed in CM/ECF.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, service of those documents can no longer be accomplished through the Bankruptcy Noticing Center. The court will notice sealed documents in paper by U.S. mail; and
4. **Additional Copies of Sealed Documents.** Because sealed documents filed in CM/ECF are no longer accessible or viewable electronically, a party with the right to access a sealed document in a case who requires a copy of a sealed document will have to contact the Office of the Bankruptcy Court Clerk to request a paper copy. Applicable copy fees will be applied to such requests; and
5. **Questions about Sealed Document Procedures.** Any questions about the filing of and access to sealed documents please contact the Office of the Bankruptcy Court Clerk.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order supersedes any and all inconsistent prior court orders, CM/ECF procedure manuals, and local rules.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of April 2026.



Paul R. Thomas, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Oklahoma